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Venice, January 27.

THE Carnival is kept here with the usual Diversions, but the Concourse of Strangers is not so great as in former Years. It is advised from Padoua, that the Princess Brigitta of the Family of the Dukes of Mirandola, is dead in a very advanced Age at that Place, where she had lived from the Time the Dutchy of Mirandola came into the Possession of the Duke of Modena. She was Great Aunt of Francis Maria Pico, who in the Year 1691 succeeded his Grandfather Alexander II, Duke of Mirandola, and was under the Guardianship of this Princess, who having in the late War espoused the French Party, thereby occasioned her Pupil's being dispossessed of that Dutchy by the late Emperour Joseph, who in the Year 1711, invested with that Forfeited Fief the Duke of Modena; the late Possessor is at present at the Court of Spain. Letters from Lucca say they are making great Preparations there for the Reception of Mademoiselle de Valois, in her Passage through that Place to Modena.

Paris, Feb. 14. On the 7th Instant a Comedy was acted in the Palace of the Tuilleries, with Dancing between the Acts; the King danced on this Occasion, as did also the Duke de Chartres, and several Young Lords of the Court. Madame, the Duke of Orleans, Mademoiselle, and all the other Princes and Princesses were present. On the 27th of last Month the Abbot du Bos was received by the French Academy, in the Room of the Abbot Genest, deceased. A Declaration in the King's Name, dated the 4th Instant, has been published, forbidding all his Majesty's Subjects of whatever State or Condition, and of either Sex, to wear any Diamonds or other Jewels, after the 1st of next Month, without his Majesty's express Permission first obtained in Writing, on the Penalty of Confiscation of the same, and of a Fine of 10000 Livres; forbidding likewise the bringing any into the Kingdom after the 1st of April next. This Declaration was registred in Parliament on the 10th Instant. By an Arrêt of the Council of State dated the 11th, all Persons whatsoever, except only the India Company, are forbidden to give or take Premiums for delivering or receiving Actions or Subscriptions of the said Company at any Distance or Term of Time, on the Penalty of a Fine of 3000 Livres to be paid by each of the Parties who shall engage in such Contracts. By another Arrêt the Silver Coins now current at 20 Sols, are from the first of March next reduced to 18, and those of 10 Sols to 9. An Arrêt has also been published, ordering that those Persons who have Annuities on the Farms and Revenues, and who, rather than to be reimbursed the Principal, have chosen to keep them at three per Cent. Interest, pursuant to an Edict of last Month, shall, on the 1st of July next, either submit to be reimbursed, or still to keep their Annuities at two per Cent. On the 11th at Night the Solemnity of the Espousals of Mademoiselle with the Hereditary Prince of Modena, was performed in the King's Closet, and the next Morning the Marriage Ceremony was also performed in his Majesty's Chapel, the Duke of Chartres her Brother being Proxy for the Prince of Modena.

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